

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Please consider this seriously. In the last 6 months alone, since the merger of AOL-Time Warner, the cable rates in my area (Binghamton, NY) have been increased twice. Regardless of the promises made by companies such as these, local area monopolies leave the consumer with no choice but to use their services.

Thank you for your consideration.